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NEW DIESEL-POWERED TRUCK INTRODUCED

On 30 June, the new YaAZ-200 Diesel-powered trucks finished the test run, started 25 May, over the Moscow-Rostov-Tbilisi-Batumi-Novorossiysk-Rostov-Dnepropetrovsk-Kiev-Moscow route. The trucks, which were made in the Yaroslavl' Automobile Plant, traveled 6,100 kilometers under various road conditions and negotiated two mountain passes. Tests made on the road proved the high operational qualities of the trucks.

The Yerevan "Avtodetal" (Automobile Parts) Plant has greatly improved its efficiency and production by effective utilization of equipment and organization of production, introducing more modern technological processes, and more intensive utilization of production capacity. The plant completed the 5-month gross-production plan 120.7 percent, fulfilling the plans for all types of planned production, and increasing production 1.6 times over the same period in 1948. The plant reduced production costs 6 percent more than planned. The efficiency measures have made it possible to plan production increases as follows, beginning 1 July 1949: for 3d-speed gears 67.1 percent, for 3d- and 4th-speed cross shafts 92.3 percent, for 1st- and 2nd-speed cross shafts 100 percent, and for grooved shafts 30.4 percent.

On 23 June, reconstruction was started in shops of the "VARZ" (Second Automobile Repair Plant). It has been decided to install an additional assembly line so that tractors and automobiles may be assembled separately, where formerly they had both been assembled on one line. The enterprise is building a gantry for assembling automobiles and is renovating the equipment in the body and upholstery shops and the carpentry division. The

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shop in which repair of Pobeda automobiles was recently organized is also being renovated. Much new equipment will be installed in other shops, including the engine shop. Improvements are being put in on the main tractor assembly line. Painting of tractors on an assembly line is to be adopted and high-frequency current will be used for heat treatment of machine parts.

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